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Cops seek info after shot fired near pool hall

INCIDENT Toronto police are looking for witnesses and possible victims after a shot rang out early yesterday morning.

Officers were called around 1 a.m. when at least one shot was fired outside a pool hall in the city's east end.

Police recovered a shell casing from the scene but found no victims.

They have been checking hospitals for possible victims as they continue their investigation.

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New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) holds his son Baylen after the NFL Super Bowl XLIV football game against the Indianapolis Colts in Miami last night. The Saints won their first Super Bowl in franchise history with a 31-17 win over the Colts. More coverage, page 16.

Ryerson gets D in diversity

Report urges anti-racism training for senior staff

A sweeping year-long probe into racism at Ryerson University has found a staggeringly diverse campus where some visible minority students say they feel harassed and excluded, where profs don't always deal with offensive comments made in class and some non-white staff report a "chill" that shuts them out of the power loop.

The 107-page report, commissioned by the university after a string of racist incidents in 2008, calls for sharper targets for hiring visible minorities, more courses on diversity and the collection of race-based statistics on staff and students so the university can track whether equity is improving.

Recommendations

- Create a gutsy Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion under a vice-president or vice-provost, to oversee rigorous investigation of discrimination.
- All senior staff should receive anti-racism training before September.
- Develop guidelines for dealing with unwanted classroom behaviour and create a safe way to discuss controversial subject matter.

While noting most students and staff call the campus "a great place to learn and work," the report, to be released today, cites a worrying lack of diversity in faculties such as communication and design, a need for more ESL support and more black professors across the board.

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High Commission objected to banning British MP

CONTROVERSY The Canadian high commissioner to London flatly objected to barring British MP George Galloway from Canada, saying it would simply provide "a greater platform" for a vocal politician who's "not taken seriously" in his homeland.

At the height of the controversy, Jim Wright said in an email to a Privy Council Office official the British could be "taken aback by such a Canadian decision" — one that may "look odd" since the U.S. planned to allow Galloway to speak at several prominent universities.

Newly filed court documents also reveal officials in Immigration Minister Jason Kenney's office were concerned that Galloway, despite being declared unwelcome, might inadvertently be waved in to Canada by an unsuspecting border officer.

Candid internal emails and other sensitive documents usually shielded from public view were recently filed by the government in the Federal Court of Canada in response to a legal challenge of the border agency's move to turn him away.

The Toronto Coalition to Stop the War, which invited Galloway, has joined with other supporters to contest the federal decision in a case likely to be heard in April.

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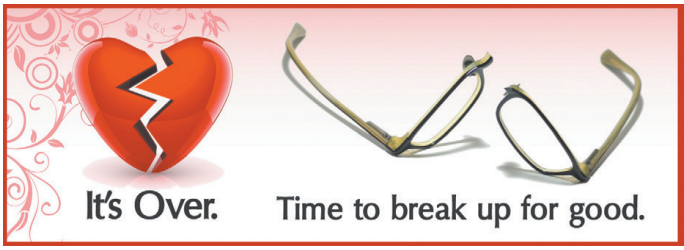

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An upbeat message

More than 300 people turned up yesterday for the official opening of George Smitherman's campaign office at 70 The Esplanade, right above Fionn MacCool's pub. When Smitherman addressed the crowd, he delivered this upbeat message: With hope and optimism — and an army of volunteers — the Toronto he loves, the city where he was born, can be made to work better. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Daycare 'storm' brewing

Potential cuts would hurt highest-needs areas most

Some of Toronto's highest-needs neighbourhoods would be the biggest losers if Queen's Park doesn't shore up a child-care system facing a triple threat of chronic provincial underfunding, the loss of $63.5 million in federal money and the impact of all-day kindergarten coming next fall, city data shows.

"What we are facing in child care is the perfect storm," said Beaches-East York Councillor Janet Davis, chair of the city's community development and recreation committee.

"If the province doesn't step up in the budget, all the gains we made in the last decade will be lost," she said. "We'll be back to where we were in 1995."

The city oversees Toronto's 56,400-space child care system, including 24,000 subsidized spots. But as reported last month, the city stands to lose 5,000 of those subsidies by 2013. The cuts would be made as children with subsidies leave or "age out" of daycare, starting as soon as this summer.

Since neighbourhoods with the lowest incomes have the most subsidized daycare, they would be the biggest losers, Davis said.

Weston and Jane-Finch, two of Toronto's 13 so-called "priority neighbourhoods," earmarked for increased services and support, would both lose more than 300 child care subsidies, according to the city's children's services department, which is preparing for the worst.

Across Toronto, about 16,000 children are waiting for subsidies, which are based on family income. There are 629 waiting in Ward 12 and 696 in Ward 8.

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Single mom Ashley Burt has a daycare subsidy for son Lucious, 3, (nearest Ashley), but had to delay college because she's still waiting for a subsidy for Dezmond, 4.

New standards to measure the growth of children

HEALTH It's out with the old yardstick and in with the new as professional organizations that keep tabs on the height and weight of Canadian children turn to "superior" growth charts based on World Health Organization standards.

The monitoring charts for newborns to age five show how children should grow, rather than how they do grow, while the new charts for ages five to 19 are better for identifying young people at risk for obesity.

"These new charts are actually much superior to what we've had in the past."
Tanis Fenton, Dietitians of Canada

A collaborative statement released today said the four leading national health groups have decided to move away from using charts developed by the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, which included the full range of American kids — including those routinely exposed to second-hand smoke and those who weren't immunized or breastfed.

"These new charts are actually much superior to what we've had in the past," said Tanis Fenton, a spokeswoman for Dietitians of Canada, one of the groups involved.

The children who were studied for the WHO standards up to age five lived in six different countries — Brazil, Ghana, India, Norway, Oman and the United States, and thus reflect the ethnic diversity in Canada. They were healthy, had routine medical care and appropriate immunizations, lived in non-smoking environments, and were exclusively breastfed for four to six months.

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EDUCATION Could Toronto's public school board be on the move? Chair Bruce Davis says its head offices at 5050 Yonge St. — north of Sheppard Ave. at Mel Lastman Square — "have significant development potential and I would very much like to see us release this value so that we can invest necessary resources" into schools.

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Three cars crash, one driver charged

Three people were treated for minor injuries after a three-car collision in Toronto on Saturday night. One of the vehicles rolled over in the crash. Police say one person is facing charges of impaired driving. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympic cookie maker gunning for the gold

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

There's Olympic gold in them thar hills.

Scrumptious morsels of cheddar shortbread are what Mark Pollard is churning out by the thousands in his kitchen deep in the rolling hills of Northumberland County.

In a few days, athletes, dignitaries and maybe even the prime minister will savour the buttery goodness of Pollard's pride and joy at the Winter Games in Vancouver.

"It's a great honour," beams the man known as the Big Cheese for his signature snack. "We were told they wanted the best of Ontario."

"They" are the Ontario Olympic Secretariat, whose members were so impressed with the golden gems they sampled that they chose them as one of 10 Canadian products to be featured at tastings, receptions and sales booths in the Ontario pavilion.

"It's amazing how badly they want them. It's cool," says Pollard, whose Prucewood Handmade Cookie Co. in the village of Warkworth, 90 minutes northeast of Toronto, began the marathon production a month ago.

He beefed up staff from six to nine, more than doubled the number of shifts and fired up the ovens for 10 hours a day. Then he upped his orders of butter and aged cheddar from local suppliers Stirling Creamery and Maple Dale cheese.

Now they're turning out 40,000 all-natural cookies a day, each one rolled, cut, placed on parchment to bake for exactly 16 minutes, and packaged by hand.

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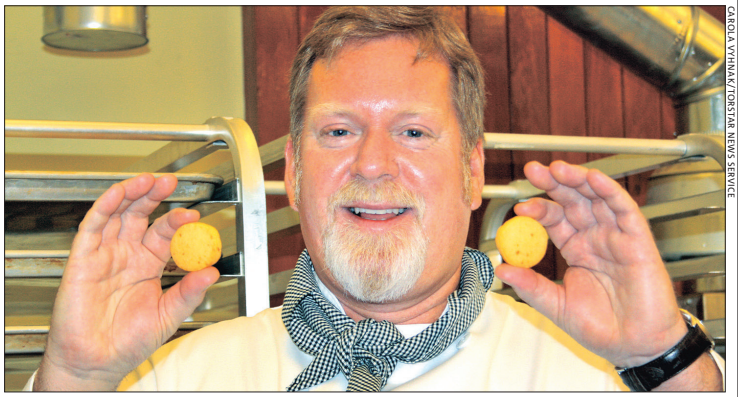

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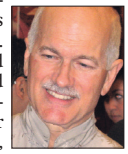
Cookie maker Mark Pollard of Warkworth is going for the gold with a marathon production of his signature cheddar shortbreads for athletes and dignitaries to snack on during the Olympics.

Layton misses first event since his cancer announcement

POLITICS Health issues forced Jack Layton to miss his first scheduled appearance since announcing he has cancer, a sign the NDP leader may not be able to sustain his usual frenetic pace while he is receiving treatment.

The 59-year-old NDP leader revealed Friday he was diagnosed in December with prostate cancer, a disease his father overcame.



Jack Layton

He has vowed to beat it too and stay on as leader of the New Democrats and MP for Toronto-Danforth, though fighting the disease may have already put a dent in the energetic politician's normally jam-packed schedule of community and cultural events.

Layton was scheduled to attend two public events Saturday, though health concerns forced him to trim it back to one. At a gala fundraiser celebrating Chinese New Year in Toronto, Layton — a mainstay at such functions — said he doesn't want to have to ease up on attending them.

"I hope not, because I love these events," he said. "It's like you're being invited into the living room of each community."

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News in brief

BUSINESS Nortel pensioners in Ontario will get a bailout thanks to the Ontario government. A spokeswoman for the finance minister says the province will pay into the Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund so that pensioners will receive up to $1,000 per month. Nortel's pension plan is about 30 per cent underfunded.

TTC The Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission has sent a second notice to all employees stating he is tired of "unacceptable behaviour" and a "culture of complacency." The letter comes after the latest incident involving a TTC driver who confronted a passenger shooting video on a cellphone.

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One killed in townhouse fire

One person is dead after fire erupted in a townhouse unit in Stoney Creek, Ont., early yesterday morning. The victim's name and age weren't immediately released but firefighters say there were no other injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Aboriginals fighting hunting rules

Aboriginal hunters across the North are pushing back against attempts to conserve wildlife, launching court actions and legislative measures to stop the three territories from regulating the harvest of caribou and polar bears. Northern aboriginals depend heavily on game for food and wildlife issues are among the most politically sensitive in the Arctic. Aboriginal control over animals on their own lands is supposed to be guaranteed by a series of land claims and co-management agreements. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tanning bill miffs industry

Tanning-salon operators say proposed federal legislation that would warn consumers of the cancer risks of tanning is political grandstanding and are instead calling on the provinces to help regulate operating standards in the industry.

The Joint Canadian Tanning Association also denies there is any scientific evidence to show tanning beds cause melanoma or skin cancer.

"We don't think the science even comes anywhere near supporting such a notion," said association president Doug McNabb.

"We think it's a little grandstanding politically."

McNabb was referring to a proposed private member's bill that Conservative MP James Bezan says he will introduce in the House of Commons in March.

The bill would require radiation warning labels on tanning beds that draw a clear link between ultraviolet rays and skin cancer. It would also ensure the labels would be larger and placed where the user can clearly see them.

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75% The International Agency for Research on Cancer says anyone who begins using tanning devices before the age of 30 increases their risk of cancer by 75 per cent.

G7 ministers have no appetite for seal talk

NUNAVUT It seems everyone in Iqaluit was trying to put the issue of seals in front of the European delegation at the G7 finance ministers meeting.

But regardless of their efforts, the Europeans just weren't biting — not into seal meat anyway.

A summit-ending community feast with raw and cooked seal on offer, along with local fare, like caribou, whale and muskox was studiously avoided by the principals of France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom.

And at a concluding news conference, the subject of seal and the proposed European ban on seal products was treated as an unsavoury subject.

Iqaluit-based reporter Kent Driscoll drew an uncomfortable silence from the four finance ministers when he asked them if their stay in Iqaluit had taught them a lesson about the importance of seal in the Canadian North.

The ministers exchanged glances, lowered their heads, but said nothing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty makes his way out of an igloo during the G7 finance ministers' meetings in Iqaluit Saturday.

News in brief

INTERFERENCE A federal cabinet minister's aide killed the release of a sensitive report requested under freedom-of-information in a case similar to a notorious incident in the sponsorship scandal. A bureaucrat had to make a mad dash to the department's mailroom last July to retrieve the report at the last minute under orders from a senior aide to then-Public Works minister Christian Paradis. The document was an annual report on Public Works' massive real-estate portfolio, which contained factual information on high vacancy rates and weak returns on investment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Car crash knocks out power for hundreds

A single-vehicle crash southeast of the town of Mitchell, near Stratford, Ont., sent the driver and the other three people in the vehicle to hospital and knocked out power to almost 340 homes early yesterday morning. The driver of the car had to be cut from the wreck. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fire destroys CTV's newsroom

OTTAWA An early-morning fire yesterday destroyed CTV's Ottawa newsroom, known as CJOH.

Although no injuries were reported, among the losses were the local news archives of Ottawa's history and the 37-year video history of anchor Max Keeping, who is set to retire April 1. It was not clear whether local broadcasts will be affected.

CTV said it could be days before staff can return, but plans to continue production from the A Channel building in the Byward Market were moving forward. The cause of the blaze, which put damages at more than $2.5 million, is not known.

Flames began on the second floor sometime before 4:30 a.m. It took 70 firefighters and 18 fire trucks more than two hours to bring flames under control. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa firefighters are seen at the CTV Ottawa television station which was heavily damaged by an early-morning fire yesterday.

Donation dilemma

Not every dollar is making its way to Haitians

As Canadians continue donating millions to relief efforts in Haiti, aid organizations are scrambling to ensure that money gets into the devastated country.

With the federal government's window to match donations set to close Friday, charities and NGOs are hoping the incentive will give one final fundraising push. But administrative costs, logistical challenges and shady bookkeeping, mean not all donations are likely to end up helping survivors.

A survey of several leading Canadian aid organizations revealed that while some guarantee every donated dollar will be sent to Haiti, many take a percentage — between two and 10 per cent — to cover costs of advertising, manning call centres and maintaining website servers.

Following the 2004 Asian tsunami, many donors were surprised that some larger aid groups couldn't spend all the money they had raised, while smaller ones struggled to fund projects. Much of the money earmarked for tsunami relief never made it to victims.

"When you give to an organization, you should be able to hold their feet to the fire in terms of accounting for the funds that have been given," said Rosemary McCarney, Plan Canada's president and CEO, adding to get the most from your donation, give to groups that had a presence in Haiti before the earthquake. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New Brunswick settles on power plant sale

HYDRO Despite sustained public opposition and the resignation of a cabinet minister, New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham says he's pushing ahead with the sale of parts of NB Power because it's in the province's best interest.

The renewed commitment came a day after Graham asked Stuart Jamieson to quit as tourism and parks minister, saying Jamieson broke cabinet solidarity over the pending sale. "As a premier today I am more confident than ever, even with these challenges before us, we have to do what we were elected to do," Graham said Saturday. "That's to provide leadership and do what's right for the future of our province."

Jamieson, who has reservations about the $3.2-billion agreement to sell 10 power plants to Hydro-Quebec, argued it should be put to a public referendum. The proposal was watered down from a $4.75-billion agreement announced last fall, which included transmission and distribution systems.

Graham plans to sign a final agreement with Quebec by the end of March. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Costa Rica poised to elect first woman president

Costa Ricans were set to elect their first woman president yesterday as Central America's most politically and economically stable country chose between a career politician from the ruling party and an anti-taxation Libertarian. Pre-election polls gave Laura Chinchilla a nearly 20-point lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Yanukovych wins Ukraine vote: Poll

An exit poll says opposition leader Viktor Yanukovych has been elected Ukraine's next president, steering the country away from the pro-Western course set by the 2004 Orange Revolution. The National Election Poll predicted that the Russia-leaning Yanukovych would finish first in yesterday's runoff ballot, 48.7 per cent to 45.5 per cent, with most others votes for the "Against all" category.

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Deadly blast at U.S. plant

An explosion blew apart a power plant under construction as workers purged natural gas lines yesterday, killing at least five people and injuring a dozen or more in a blast that shook homes for miles, officials said.

Middletown Mayor Sebastian Giuliano said at a late-afternoon news conference that at least 12 people were injured.

Deputy Fire Marshal Al Santostefano told The Associated Press yesterday evening that crews were still searching for survivors in the rubble at the Kleen Energy Systems plant in Middletown, about 32 kilometres south of Hartford.

Santostefano earlier said about 50 people were in the area yesterday morning when the explosion occurred. The mayor said at the news conference it was difficult to tell how many people were at the plant because multiple contractors were working on it with their own employee lists.

"They're trying to figure out who was on the job today, and where are they now?" Giuliano said.

The 620-megawatt plant was being built to produce energy primarily using natural gas. Santostefano said workers for the construction company, O&G Industries, were purging the gas lines, a procedure he called a "blow-down," when the explosion occurred.

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Status of injured

- Officials had not released the conditions of the other injured people by late yesterday afternoon, but hospitals reported some seriously injured patients.

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Mary Knapp Seibel digs out her car as her dog Wolf sits close by in Bethesda, Md. yesterday. Cities in the Mid-Atlantic U.S. awoke to below-freezing temperatures and piles of snow while power crews tried to restore electricity to hundreds of thousands of homes.

Winter storm buries D.C., surrounding states

SNOW Residents of the U.S. capital and Mid-Atlantic states began digging out yesterday from piles of wet, heavy snow while crews tried to restore power to hundreds of thousands of homes and clear streets for work today.

The National Weather Service called the storm "historic" and reported a foot of snow in parts of Ohio and two feet or more in Washington, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Parts of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia got closer to three feet.

Many roads reopened but officials continued to warn residents that highways could be icy and treacherous. The snow snapped tree limbs onto power lines and several roofs collapsed under the weight. In Washington, city officials said it was unclear if the roads would be clear enough for workers to get in today.

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News in brief

TEHRAN Iran has arrested seven people linked to a U.S.-funded Farsi-language radio station for allegedly fomenting unrest, and accused some suspects of working for U.S. spy agencies, Iranian state media reported yesterday. An Intelligence Ministry statement said the suspects played a role in violent anti-government demonstrations in Tehran on Dec. 27.

STUDENTS Britain's Home Secretary says rules on student visas are being tightened to keep out people seeking work. Alan Johnson said those who come to Britain for short courses — less than six months — can no longer bring their dependents. He also said the number of hours foreign students will be able to work are to be cut from 20 a week to 10.

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One dead, four hurt in San Francisco shooting

One person is dead and four critically injured after a shooting outside a nightclub near San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf. Police say the shooting started when one person opened fire into a crowd of people during an altercation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Students feel pain from afar

Haiti Crisis

"If I don't do as much as I can do, it's like I'm a devil."
Jeff Paul, student

Every payday, Jeff Paul sent whatever dollars he could spare to his mother and little brother back home in Haiti. They've become even more desperate since the Jan. 12 earthquake, compounded by thieves, destroyed his mother's business; they had to sleep in the streets of Port-au-Prince before a relative took them in.

"There's no food, they don't have money," said Paul, a part-time security guard and sophomore at Medgar Evers College in New York CIty's Brooklyn borough. "Therefore, on my part, if I don't do as much as I can do, it's like I'm a devil. ... I was there, I been there, I know what it look like when somebody don't eat."

For Paul and hundreds of other Haitian college students in the United States, the past few weeks have been a torment as they've viewed the devastation from afar, waiting to learn if their relatives in Haiti survived and how they're coping.

Some who may have considered leaving school to return home are daunted by the conditions in Haiti. And some have heard from their families that they should stay where it's safe and where they can do the one thing that could make a difference in the future — get an education.

"That's real hard for me," said Mario Calixte, 26, an international student majoring in computer science at Virginia Tech. His parents lost their home in Port-au-Prince.

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Spain **Better days ahead?**

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Two young girls hold hands as they're carried on the shoulders of two workers during the march against the new European Union and the economic crisis suffered by Spain with more than four million unemployed in San Sebastian yesterday.

Civilians flee before battle

AFGHANISTAN Minivans piled high with mattresses and clothing lined up at checkpoints yesterday as hundreds of civilians fled a Taliban-controlled area ahead of a planned NATO offensive in southern Afghanistan.

The militants, meanwhile, dug in for a fight, reinforcing their positions with rocket-propelled grenades and heavy weapons, according to witnesses.

The U.S. military has not given a start date for the operation to clear insurgents from the Helmand province town of Marjah, the biggest community in the south under insurgent control. But the military has said fighting will start soon and many residents weren't taking any chances.

American aircraft dropped leaflets over Marjah yesterday warning people of the coming offensive, officers said, and the U.S. fired illumination rounds after sundown, apparently to help spot Taliban positions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Speeding up Spadina's streetcars

InTransit

Ed Drass

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After the subway network, the 510 Spadina streetcar route is one of the TTC's most important corridors. And yet more than a decade after opening, this transit line is still not reaching its potential. Exclusive lanes keep traffic off the rail tracks — which helps speed service — but regular users of this route also know that the streetcars don't travel very quickly.

There may be times when the nearby 511 Bathurst car is faster, even though that route has no right-of-way to keep cars out. So, what's holding up Spadina?

The 510 line is very heavily travelled but it does not have traffic signal priority at many key intersections. Almost all other streetcar routes (and some of the TTC's top bus routes) are equipped with technology that can give transit vehicles a bit more time to clear intersections.

By extending green lights, transit vehicles can save an average 16 seconds per intersection.

Add that up along the length of a route and many more people can be moved every hour.

By comparison, the transit priority system is now working on the entire 512 St. Clair corridor — just a month after the line re-opened.

In 2005, transit watcher Steve Munro asked the TTC why the technology wasn't in place at Spadina junctions.

Years later, staff still have not provided a formal explanation.

However both TTC and City of Toronto officials tell In Transit that things are finally moving. The City's Bruce Zvaniga reports that most of the key intersections should be equipped by the end of 2010.

Of course, this doesn't guarantee clear sailing. Signals at minor roads already have transit priority and streetcars can still get red lights.

Also, TTC drivers must stop before crossing complex track switches — which are found at those same major intersections.

Quick tip

- More steps are needed to speed up Spadina, but in the meantime riders can help by not exiting from the front doors, particularly at busy stops. TTC drivers can help by continuing to ask that riders leave by the centre exits.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

Views

Plagiarizing poetry is the key to her heart

HineSight

Anne Hines

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With Feb. 14 fast approaching, today I provide support for readers who fall into the category known as "special-occasion challenged" or, alternatively, "men." True, not all men are special-occasion challenged. To find out if you are, answer this simple question.

To me, Valentine's Day is:

a) A magical 24 hours when I can shower my partner with the love and appreciation she deserves.

b) What?

If you choose b), help is at hand.

First, remember that your goal on Valentine's Day is to show your partner that you've thought about her. And not only when you wondered who you could get to make snacks for poker night.

A classic way to do this is by creating something personal and artistic. For "artistic," it's best to stick to poetry. Interpretive dance does not usually work so well except to give her something to share with her friends on YouTube.

Many men, when confronted with the exciting challenge of writing poetry respond, "Can't I just chew off my arm instead?" No. That kind of thing is hardly ever romantic. What you want is to give her something meaningful and heartfelt that expresses your love in terms only you could use. To achieve this, you simply have to steal it from someone else.

Stealing poetry is entirely OK. There's an old saying, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery ... except if you're making knock-off handbags or watches, in which case it's illegal." An important tip: The best poems to steal are ones that don't contain the words "booty" or "hot" or that you didn't get off either a washroom stall door or a site for Metallica lyrics.

Here are two suggestions:

"Love is not love that alters when its alteration finds, nor bends with the remover to remove."

This is perfect for the woman you'd describe as "has never, ever read Shakespeare, so won't know I stole this."

So, this Valentine's Day gentlemen, remember this. Plagiarize a little poetry, and you'll steal your way into her heart.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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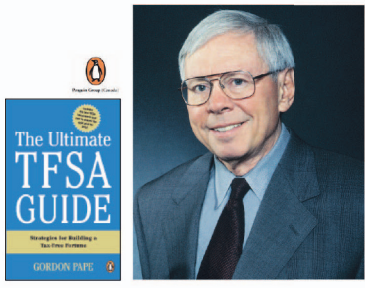

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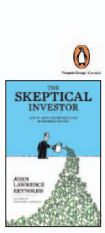

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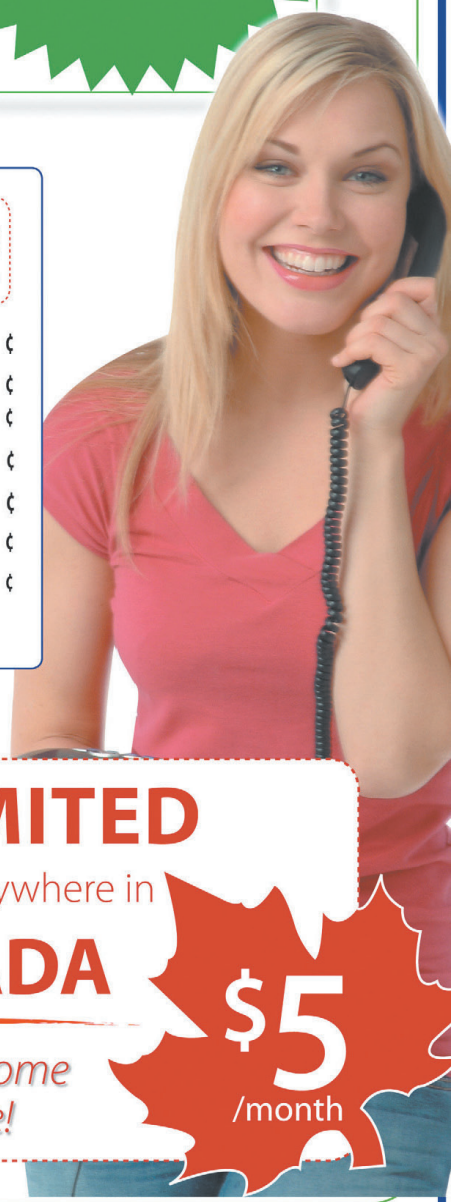

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Recall affects resale prices

Kelley Blue Book cuts value of pre-owned Toyota vehicles

Toyota's wilting reputation is beginning to affect the resale value of its vehicles, with Kelley Blue Book cutting its valuations by $200 US to $500 US, depending on the model.

The U.S.-based used-auto pricing service that helps consumers determine how much their pre-owned vehicles are worth, says it has lowered the resale value for the Toyota vehicles involved in the company's massive January recall by one to two per cent.

Toyota's recall over reports of a defective pedal will likely impact demand for used Toyotas, particularly because the problem has been linked to wear and tear on older vehicles.

In a survey on KBB's website, 20 per cent of people who were intending to buy a Toyota before the recall are no longer considering the brand, said Juan Flores, director of vehicle valuations at KBB.

The Japanese automaker also briefly halted sales and production of the affected vehicles, leading to a build-up of supply inventory, Flores said.

"When the supply returns, it will flood the market and that will put further pressure on prices."

The business manager of a used-car dealership in Oshawa, Ont., said he thinks the negative publicity that has engulfed the company over the last couple of weeks has been overblown, but he expects it will have at least a short-term impact on the value of used Toyotas.

"Now people are rushing to get rid of them, and that would create an influx, a large number of vehicles all of a sudden for sale," said William Smith of RER Automobiles. He is also questioning how much he should pay for a vehicle that could be harder to sell.

However, the number of searches for Toyota vehicles on Autotrader.ca has stayed steady, indicating consumers are still interested in the brand. Scott Neil, director of online marketing at Trader Corp., which runs Autotrader.ca as well as the Auto Trader publication, said he hasn't noticed a change in pricing.

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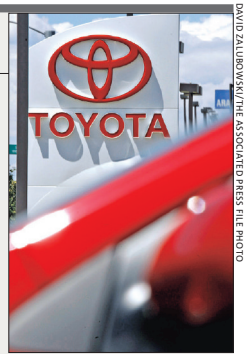
Repairs underway
Fix takes about 30 minutes

- Toyota Canada dealerships began repairing priority vehicles last week and expect to replace all the defective accelerator pedals within the month.
- The solution is a simple one — installing reinforcement bars to eliminate excess friction — and only takes about 30 minutes to complete.
- Sales of the affected vehicles resumed on Friday.



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Sovereign debt worries may weigh down TSX

MARKETS The Toronto stock market could see selling pressure this week as investors weigh whether recent U.S. employment data will lead to a sustained economic recovery.

Worries about whether some European countries can get huge deficits under control has further discouraged stock buyers and the question now is how far markets will retrace after a year of steady gains.

Economic data on Friday showed the U.S. economy shed 20,000 jobs during January, though the jobless rate fell to 9.7 per cent from 10 per cent. Investors also worried whether Greece and Portugal have the will to impose tough austerity measures.

"The theme of the day at this point I think is sovereign risk and political risk," said Danielle Park, of Venable Park Investment Counsel in Barrie, Ont.

The rally that started in early March last year has gone practically straight up, save for a modest decline in mid-summer.

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TSX
- The Toronto market ended a four-week long losing streak last week, advancing 1.16 per cent.
- But the TSX is down about 4.5 per cent since the beginning of the year.

Toyota planning to recall Prius in Japan, reports say

AUTOS Toyota said yesterday it will soon announce plans to deal with braking problems in its Prius hybrid amid reports it has decided to issue a recall for the vehicle in Japan.

The world's biggest automaker has told dealers in the United States it is preparing to repair the brakes on thousands of Prius vehicles there, according to an email sent by a company executive. It was unclear whether Toyota planned a U.S. recall.

Prius drivers in Japan and the U.S. have complained of a short delay before the brakes kick in — a flaw Toyota says can be fixed with a software programming change. The lag occurs as the car is switching between brakes for the gas engine and the electric motor. The new Prius model was released in May, and more than 300,000 have been sold.

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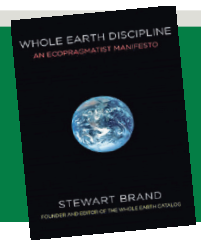

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5 eco-friendly hotels

Luxury locations where less is more

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Luxury isn't always extravagant.

Metro found five eco-hotels where they are showing that less is more.

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1
The Scarlet, Cornwall United Kingdom

Built and designed in total harmony with the local environment of Cornwall in southwest Britain, the aim of the Scarlet is to offer its guest a maximum luxury with minimum impact. There are wood heated hot tubs overlooking the sea and local foods including wild mushroom toast, leek risotto and chocolate tart. There is no Internet or mobile phone access and no children. (scarlethotel.co.uk)

2
Three Camel Lodge Mongolia

In the shadow of the 47 million year old Mt. Bulagtai volcanic outcrop, this is an eco haven. Energy is wind and solar and the lodge owns a well and vegetable patch. However, if the temperatures do drop a personal attendant will fire up the wood-burning stove. There are camel rides by day and Mongolian dancing by night. (threecamellodge.com)

3
La Montana Magica Chile

The hotel itself looks like the set of a Disney movie — a waterfall cascades from the top of a volcano shaped lodge built from local wood and stone. The exterior is covered in shrubs, allowing it to effortlessly mesh with the local flora and fauna. Try a dip in a hot tubs carved out of tree trunks for the perfect tranquil moment. (huilohuilo.cl)

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Kolarbyn Eco Lodge Sweden

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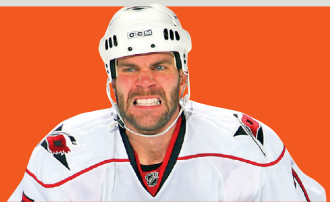

Sharks beef up blue-line

The San Jose Sharks have bolstered their defence by acquiring Niclas Wallin, left, in a trade with the Carolina Hurricanes. San Jose also acquired a fifth-round pick and sent a second rounder to Carolina to complete Sunday's deal. The 34-year-old Wallin has played in 69 playoff games, the second-most in club history, helping the Hurricanes reach the Stanley Cup finals twice, winning it in 2006. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Porter plays big role in win

Louisiana native Tracy Porter played a crucial role in the New Orleans Saints' magical run to a Super Bowl title and their victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

A second-round draft pick out of Indiana, who grew up in Port Allen, across the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge, Porter watched the Saints every Sunday with his family and friends. He remembers bags on the heads of embarrassed fans during the lean years.

Now the Saints have done the previously unthinkable in large part because of him in a 31-17 victory yesterday.

His 74-yard touchdown on an interception of Peyton Manning gave the Saints an insurmountable two-touchdown lead late in the fourth quarter. In the NFC title game, his late interception of Brett Favre stalled Minnesota's potential game-winning drive.

"It was great film study," Porter said of the his interception yesterday. "We knew that on third-and-short they stack, and they like the outside release for the slant."

Now, during Mardi Gras, his family, friends, and Saints fans in New Orleans and all across the Gulf South have another reason to party.

"It means so much," Porter said.

"Words can't describe how much this means for New Orleans."

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Saints march to first title

SUPER BOWL RESULTS

Colts 17 **Saints** 31

Put away those paper bags forever. Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints are Super Bowl champions after rallying to upset Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 last night in one of pro football's most thrilling title games.

Brees tied a Super Bowl record with 32 completions, the last a two-yard slant to Jeremy Shockey for the winning points with 5:42 remaining. The Pro Bowl quarterback was chosen Super Bowl MVP.

"We just believed in ourselves and we knew that we had an entire city and maybe an entire country behind us," Brees said. "What can I say? I tried to imagine what this moment would be like for a long time and it's better than expected."

A surprise onside kick sparked the Saints' second-half comeback. Their 25th-ranked defence made several key stops, and Tracy Porter's 74-yard interception return on a pass from Manning late in the fourth quarter clinched it.

Manning gave futile chase, but was blocked by a New Orleans defender and fell awkwardly as the cornerback raced by. The four-time NFL MVP forlornly walked to the sideline as the Big Easy celebrations began. Who would have thought the biggest mistake of the game would have come from Manning?

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New Orleans Saints safety Chris Reis recovers an on-side kick as Indianapolis Colt Cody Glenn hits Roman Harper from behind last night during the Super Bowl. The Saints won 31-17.

An NFL embarrassment for much of their 43 years, the Saints' football renaissance, led by Brees and coach Sean Payton, climaxed with Shockey's touchdown and Lance Moore's two-point conversion catch. The conversion pass originally was ruled incomplete, but Payton challenged the call and won.

Porter's pick, just as dramatic as his interception of Brett Favre's pass to force overtime in the NFC title game, was the game's only turnover. It's one Manning will regret for a long time.

The Saints (16-3) won three post-season games this winter after winning only two in the previous 42 years. They beat Arizona, Minnesota and Indianapolis (16-3) — all division winners — for their first title, scoring 107 points and allowing only 59.

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Sports in brief

CURLING Team Canada's Jennifer Jones won her third straight Scotties Tournament of Hearts title yesterday, defeating Prince Edward Island's Kathy O'Rourke 8-7 in extra ends. Jones scored one in the 11th to give her rink a fourth Scotties title overall.

SOCCER Chelsea beat Arsenal 2-0 yesterday to stay ahead of Manchester United in the race for the Premier League title. Victory lifted the Blues to 58 points, two more than defending champion United and nine more than third-place Arsenal

NASCAR Danica Patrick is expected to announce today if she will enter the Nationwide Series race at Daytona International Speedway.on Feb. 13.

NCAA Florida State University says it will vacate a 2007 bowl victory and 11 regular season football wins, along with dozens more across 10 men's and women's sports, because of NCAA sanctions.

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Sapp released from jail
Former NFL star Warren Sapp was released from jail yesterday on $1,500 US bond, a day after being arrested for allegedly choking a woman in his hotel room. Sapp was released at about 11 a.m. yesterday — when the NFL Network analyst would have been helping with Super Bowl coverage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Masked man delivers

Protective mask and all, Turkoglu leads Raps to win over Kings

NBA RESULTS

Kings 104 **Raptors** 115

No one had to ask who the masked man was.

It was Toronto Raptors forward Hedo Turkoglu, who wore it reluctantly yesterday to protect an orbital-bone fracture below the right eye.

But it did not prevent him from scoring 16 points, nine in the first quarter, in an aggressive performance as the Raptors defeated the Sacramento Kings 115-104 before a crowd of 18,007 at the Air Canada Centre.

"It wasn't that bad at all," Turkoglu said, although he was adjusting the mask during the game. "You need time and I think I'll get used to it in a couple more games. I'll be over with it hopefully and won't have to wear it again."

Turkoglu also had five assists before fouling out with 1:27 left in the game.

Chris Bosh led the Raptors (28-23) with 36 points and 11 rebounds, while Andrea Bargnani added 22 and Antoine Wright scored 16. In the fourth quarter, Bosh scored 12 points with five rebounds and Wright had 10 points as the Raptors outscored the Kings 31-17 to rally for the win.

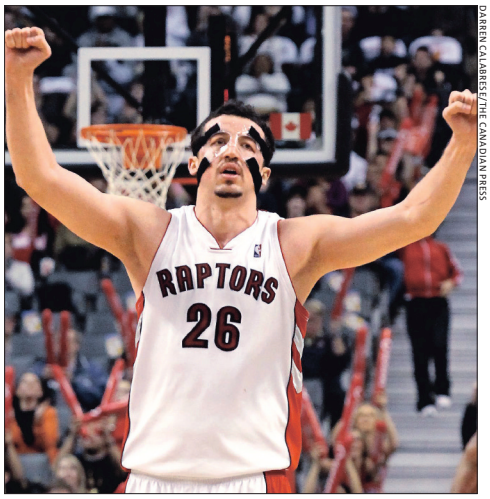
Kevin Martin led the Kings (16-34) with 24 points, Spencer Hawes added 14 and Donte Greene had 13 points as he made three consecutive three-pointers to give Sacramento the lead in the third quarter.

The Raptors trailed by three entering the fourth and were soon behind by seven points early in the quarter, but tightened up on defence and began to take over the game.

The Kings helped the Raptors by going 25-for-36 from the free-throw line, including 4-for-9 in the fourth quarter.

"We missed a lot of free throws," Kings head coach Paul Westphal said. "We couldn't control Bosh and Antoine Wright made some big plays for them."

The Raptors held Kings' guard Tyreke Evans to 11 points. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Toronto's Hedo Turkoglu celebrates a Raptors basket while wearing a protective facemask during yesterday's action.

Injury

- Turkoglu suffered the non-displaced fracture below his right eye in a game against the Indiana Pacers on Jan. 31. He was struck by Mike Dunleavy's elbow as he drove to the basket.

Coming off huge weekend win, Leafs to face tough test

NHL PREVIEW

Sharks at **Maple Leafs**

NHL Having spent eight seasons in Anaheim prior to his trade to Toronto a week ago, Leafs goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere has seen the rise of the Sharks to an elite team, and the personable goalie knows enough to warn his new team about tonight's encounter with San Jose at the Air Canada Centre.

"Stay out of the penalty box because their power play is devastating," Giguere said as the Leafs practiced yesterday after their best game of the season — a 5-0 wipeout of the Ottawa Senators — Saturday on home ice.

"(Joe) Thornton can pass as good as anyone in the league and he can still shoot the puck pretty good too," Giguere said.

"They have a good, complete team as well so we have to show up focused."

Focus has been the key word with the Leafs since Giguere, Dion Phaneuf and Fredrik Sjostrom arrived in a pair of trades on a blockbuster Sunday engineered last week by Leafs GM Brian Burke and his staff.

The deals also transformed the Leafs into the youngest team in the league.

Focus, though, shifted in dramatic fashion Friday when tragedy struck the Burke family with the loss of their youngest son, Brendan, in a traffic accident.

Giguere and defenceman Francois Beauchemin were with Burke's teams in Anaheim, and both met Brendan during their tenure with the Ducks. Friday's tragedy was especially emotional for both.

After facing the Sharks tonight, the Leafs board a plane to Boston, and then a bus to Canton, Ma., where the Burke family will lay their son to rest tomorrow.

"Obviously it's going to be a sad day," Giguere said.

"But I'm glad we also get the chance to pay respect to Burkie (Brendan Burke). That's the least we can do."

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Training delayed
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Vancouver Games

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The face of the Games?

Big things expected from U.S. superstar skier Lindsey Vonn

Maybe the only thing more brilliant than Lindsey Vonn's skiing is her personality.

The woman who can be ruthless in winning World Cup events is intelligent, articulate and photogenic at the finish line. Combine Vonn's persona with her potential to win three or more gold medals and she easily could become the international face of the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Think Michael Phelps in a parka. Get ready for the "Vonncouver Games."

"Lindsey Vonn is the one athlete I can think of that would be a face of the Games not only in North America, but in Europe and the Far East," says veteran broadcaster Brian Williams, who will cover his 13th Olympics. "She is so well known in Europe and so dominant in women's skiing."

"I am skiing really well right now, but anything can happen on race day."
Lindsey Vonn

Vonn, of Vail, Colo., has won nine World Cup races this season in downhill, super-giant slalom and the combined event. The 25-year-old is also the two-time defending overall World Cup champion.

Crowning an American queen of the ski hill would boost NBC's television ratings much like Phelps' swimming did during the last Summer Games when his eight gold medals made him king of the pool.

NBC has already made Vonn the centre of its marketing campaign for the Games. The network helped sponsor a contest for people to design the artwork on her Olympic race helmet.

Vonn seems content to play along with the hype, but understands the nature of ski racing.

"I haven't given any thought to even the possibility of winning more than one medal at the Olympics because it is going to be really tough," she said during a recent conference call.

"Nothing is guaranteed in ski racing. I am skiing really well right now, but anything can happen on race day. All I am doing is preparing myself the best I can. I hope all the pieces come together for race day."

Circumstances could conspire to make another athlete the face of the Games.

Defending his Olympic gold medal in halfpipe would further fuel the marketing machine around American snowboarder Shaun White. The world could fall under the charm of South Korean figure skater Kin Yu-Na should she win the women's figure skating.

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Lindsey Vonn takes first place during the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Women's Super-G on Jan. 31 in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

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Holland College joins Project Hero
Holland College announced Wednesday it is participating in Project Hero, a scholarship program for children of Canadian Forces personnel killed in the line of duty. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

McGill goes big with Wikipedia

In what might be the first officially sanctioned Wikipedia club on a post-secondary campus, Students Supporting Wikipedia was recently granted interim status from McGill University's student government. The main purpose of the club is to raise funds and contribute information to the online encyclopedia. The group hopes one of its continuing moneymakers will be on-campus donation boxes with the message, "If you used Wikipedia today, put in a quarter." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Workology in **brief**

FORMER SENECA PRESIDENT PREDICTS "SEVERE" UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS IN ONTARIO Due to inadequate skills and education, over 700,000 Ontarians will be unemployable by 2021, according to a report released yesterday by former Seneca College president Rick Miner. This figure would be in addition to the five per cent of individuals who are traditionally unemployed, bringing the total to over 1.1 million unemployed. Miner says it can be conservatively estimated that at least 75 per cent of workers in Ontario will need post-secondary credentials by 2021 if they are to be employable in the province's new innovation economy. However, should current trends continue, only about 64% of Ontario's workforce is actually expected to acquire such credentials by that point.

$56 MILLION FOR NEW NSERC STRATEGIC RESEARCH NETWORKS The federal government announced last week grants totalling $56 million over five years from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada to support 11 new strategic research networks.

QUEBEC TO OFFER EXPEDITED CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS Leading a delegation of university leaders on a mission to India, Quebec Premier Jean Charest announced last Monday that, beginning this Sunday, foreign students who graduate from Quebec universities will get a "certificate of selection" that would put them on a fast track to Canadian citizenship. After students receive the certificate, Ottawa will then perform security and health checks before awarding citizenship.

ANGLOPHONE-FRANCOPHONE GAPS REMAIN Francophones in Quebec are more likely than their anglophone counterparts to drop out of high school and less likely to have a university degree, according to findings released by the Institut de la statistique du Québec.

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Meet the guardian of the Olympic torch

Odd**Jobs**

Diane Peters

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This winter, thousands of lucky Canadians have had the honour of carrying the Olympic torch for a kilometre or two.

But Jeff Simpkins has travelled with the flame for thousands of kilometres across Canada and back.

As one of just five torch escorts working the entire relay, this police officer knows how lucky he is. "It's pretty amazing. It's neat to see Canada this way."

Simpkins, 48, is from Belleville, Ont., and thought about joining the police force as a young man. He studied chemistry and worked in research for a few years. Then, about 23 years ago, he walked into a police station in his hometown and applied. "I walked in in October, and started in March. And I've never looked back since."

Working for the Ontario Provincial Police, Simkin has been stationed across the province, and has been based in Orillia since 2001. He currently works with the Aboriginal Policing Bureau.

On his own time, Simpkins is a runner. He began long distance running when he was in grade 10 and also has never looked back. He does ultramarathons now: Races that go for 50 kilometres or more.

"Most people know me as a bit of a running freak," says Simpkins.

That's why one of his senior officers ask him, many months ago, if he would work with the RCMP to escort the flame across Ontario. He accepted, and while doing a training camp for the job, filled out a form that asked if he'd be interested in acting as a commander for the entire run.

"I, like most people, said yes, thinking it wasn't going to happen."

A week after he got home, he got an email telling him he'd been selected.

He started his job on Oct. 30 in Victoria. His days begin as early as 4:15 a.m.. Simpkins and his team are primarily responsible for the safety of the flame and the bearers. His work varies between running alongside the torch (he can cover as much as 45 km a day), assisting torchbearers, dealing with small tasks that need to be done and riding in the convoy as it drives to the next town.

Days end around 7 p.m. By the time he eats dinner and spends an hour or so planning the schedule for the next day, it's time for bed by 11 or 12.

He gets little rest and just a few days off here and there, but he's not exhausted. He knows his last day of work is Feb 12, and then he flies home the next day. "Then it's back to normal work."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The **Lowdown**

Job title: Torch escort.
Salary: Part of his job as a police officer.
Education/training: Must be a trained officer and must be a runner.
Best Part of the Job: "Having the opportunity to see how truly beautiful this country is and experiencing the people at the same time."
Worst Part of the Job: "Being short on sleep."

"I, like most people, said yes, thinking it wasn't going to happen."
Jeff Simpkins on his chance of getting the torch-escort job

Four-in-10 say they don't fit in at workplace

EMPLOYMENT Do your co-workers' crazy antics make you question how you fit in at your current job? According to a new CareerBuilder survey, four-in-10 workers said they feel that they don't fit in with their colleagues.

Comparing genders, more women (42 per cent) than men (37 per cent) report that they feel they don't always fit in with their cube mates. When it comes to industries, health care, sales and professional and business services top the fields where workers feel that they don't fit in with their colleagues, followed by leisure/hospitality and IT.

As part of the survey, workers shared some of the craziest things their co-workers have done on the job:

- Co-worker ate the cheese off the pizza box at a company meeting.
- Co-worker talks openly about flatulence.
- Co-worker in the cubicle next to me wears 3-D glasses with the lenses removed.
- Co-worker repeatedly bangs a mallet on the table for no apparent reason.
- Co-worker whistles eight hours a day.
- Co-worker chews tobacco and spits it into empty soda bottles.
- Former boss brought a baby sippy cup to a meeting and started drinking out of it.
- Co-worker cleaned fingernails using a counterpart's business card while sitting in their office.

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Univerity of Calgary loses accreditation in China

China has removed the University of Calgary from its list of accredited institutions, a move university officials suspect is linked to the Dalai Lama receiving an honorary degree during his visit to Calgary last fall. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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According to Molly Wendell, who had 30 interviews in 90 days, networking is the best way to get a job in today's market.

The secret to the job hunt: Talk, talk, talk

MAT LECOMPTE
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There are jobs out there. What may come as a surprise is that they may not be listed on websites like Workopolis, Hotjobs, Craigslist or company web sites.

According to networking and job search guru Molly Wendell, the key to finding a job is all about getting out there, meeting people and having good conversations. In fact, she says most employers don't even care about what's on your resumé; they're more concerned with who you are what you can do in the future, as opposed to what you've done in the past.

"I was unemployed for two years and three days. After a year and a half, I knew I was doing something completely wrong," Wendell told Metro. "So I turned off my computer and got out and had interesting conversations with people within the industry I wanted to work."

Over the next 90 days, Wendell had 30 interviews. By abandoning her web-based approach to finding employment, she found all kinds of opportunities and got offers that weren't even listed.

"To get a job, you actually have to do something," she says. "Put on your game face and get things done."

She says one of the keys to starting your job search is to focus on what you want to do for a living and what you want out of life. "To be specific, is terrific. To be vague is the plague," she says, quoting a grade school teacher.

Next, find people in the industry you're interested in to talking to. And cast a wide net, because, she says, the people who know you least will often offer the best help.

For those with small networks or those who are relatively shy, she says you've got nothing to worry about. The reason is that the best networkers often talk the least. The key to networking, you see, is all about asking the right questions and engaging your company, she says. If you want to be a good networker, you must be a good listener.

"Say, 'Hey, I need your help. I want to learn and talk,'" she says. "No one wants to listen to 'me, me, me' all the time."

The kind of engaging questions she suggests asking are things like where the company is now, and where it is going. Where the customer base is headed, and how they can best be served in the future. She says to focus on the present and future, while asking smart questions as the conversation continues.

> **"I was unemployed for two years and three days. After a year and a half, I knew I was doing something wrong."**
> Molly Wendell

It's important to keep in mind that interviews, much like conversations, are a two-way street. Meaning you want to do your best to get as much information that you can to ensure it's an opportunity you'd like to pursue.

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Applications to full-time fall programs at Ontario colleges have risen by 14 per cent this year, according to figures released last week by Colleges Ontario. Overall, 100,495 individuals have applied. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Job applications in the YouTube era

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

With the job market as tight as ever, some job seekers are finding the best weapon to help them stand out is an on-camera audition for their off-camera jobs.

Previously the exclusive domain of people seeking careers in the broadcasting industry (as you may know if you've ever helped your aspiring-TV-host friend create a demo tape), video testimonials are becoming an increasingly savvy way for regular people to promote themselves to employers and score those crucial in-person interviews.

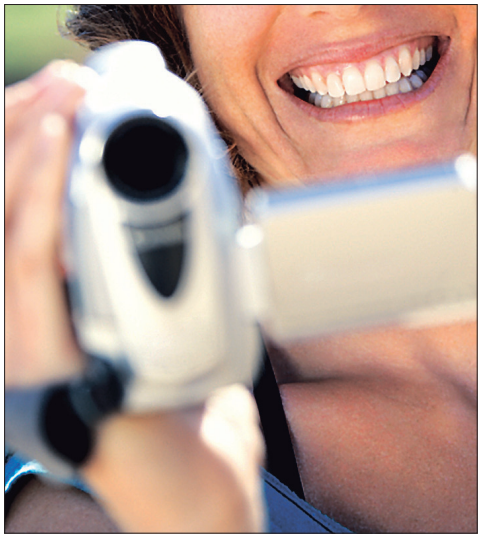
Catharine Fennell, president and CEO of videoBIO, a Canadian company that produces short, professionally scripted and edited personal video testimonials for consumers and corporate clients alike which showcase the person's personality instead of just their credentials.

Since opening videoBIO for business in April of last year, Fennell says growth has been tremendous with the company having produced hundreds of video bios for individual job seekers and entire corporate rosters alike at firms like Harper Collins. Fennel believes the demand suggests the image-rich online world of Facebook photo albums and personal YouTube clips has made job seekers more eager to create a personal brand that sells them well.

"We're seeing a trend towards people caring very much about their personal brand and people are making that shift where they're starting to really take control and manage their image and career online," Fennell said.

Paul DesOrmeaux is a sales engineer for technology companies in New York and decided before his latest job search to get a videoBIO testimonial done to help get his foot in the door of the interview process because the hardest part of getting hired in his field is scoring that first face-to-face interview out of a field of competing resumés.

"I don't really get a chance to sell myself unless I'm already in the internal hiring process. I'm hoping that (a video) makes me stand out a little bit more for those positions I don't already have an 'in' for," DesOrmeaux said.



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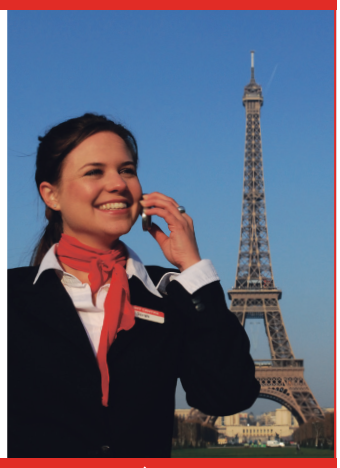

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Lautner stretches out
Taylor Lautner is now no longer just a hulking werewolf. He will soon embody Hasbro's popular '80s toy in Universal's adaptation of Stretch Armstrong. The movie, to be produced by Brian Grazer, will be released in 2012 in 3-D. EW.COM

Entertainment

Crow a Cougar
Sheryl Crow is moving into Cougar Town. The Grammy winner, 47, has scored a role on the ABC comedy as the love interest of Courteney Cox's character's recently divorced neighbour. USMAGAZINE.COM

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Going for the gold

Warm up for Olympics with tear-jerkers, against-all-odds films

VANCOUVER 2010Games

With the Winter Olympics just days away, put yourself in the mood with a few movies documenting the thrill of the medal chase. Here's a look at cinema's take on the biggest event in sports.

BLADES OF GLORY Slapstick comedy meets pairs skating in this ludicrous 2007 farce from Will Ferrell and Jon Heder about rival skaters who team up to compete in the World Winter Sport Games. Ferrell plays the cocky Chazz Michael Michaels, while Heder is his one-time adversary Jimmy MacElroy. When their on-ice animosity goes too far they are banned from singles competition and take desperate measures to reclaim skating glory.

CHARIOTS OF FIRE Perhaps the most critically acclaimed of all Olympics-themed films, this 1981 tale about two runners prepping for the 1924 Games was nominated for seven Academy Awards, nabbing the prize for best picture. It's impossible to hear the famous theme song by Vangelis without catching the Olympic spirit.

COOL RUNNINGS A perfect prelude to the Vancouver Games, this 1993 gem looks at the plucky Jamaican bobsled team that charmed fans during the Calgary Olympics in 1988. Includes a standout performance by the late John Candy as Irv Blitzer, the down-on-his-luck bookie who agrees to coach the team.

CUTTING EDGE Another story that echoes the '88 Games, Cutting Edge opens with American hockey player Doug Dorsey (D.B. Sweeney) taking a brutal hit during a game against West Germany. Long before Battle of the Blades made it cool for hockey players to figure skate, Dorsey reinvents himself as one-half of a figure-skating pair with the imperious Kate Moseley (Moira Kelly). Although there was also a Cutting Edge 2 and 3, it's hard to beat the charm of the 1992 original.

ICE CASTLES There are two versions of this figure-skating tear-jerker to choose from — the 1978 original, featuring Lynn-Holly Johnson and Robby Benson, and the straight-to-DVD update starring real-life figure skater Taylor Firth and actor Rob Mayes. Both follow the same routine, with promising skater Alexis Winston leaving her small town with Olympic dreams to train under a renowned coach and become a champion ice skater. When a freak accident leaves her blind, the teen must dig deeper than ever to find the strength to dream big.

MIRACLE This flag-waving 2004 crowd-pleaser traces the unlikely triumph of a ramshackle U.S. hockey team over the intimidating Soviet squad at the 1980 Winter Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. Kurt Russell earned critics' praise for his portrayal of no-nonsense coach Herb Brooks, while the young athletes who portray the team hit the rink with an authenticity rarely seen on the big screen.

Jon Heder and Will Ferrell team up for laughs in Blades of Glory.

PERSONAL BEST Running and romance mingle in this 1982 drama, better known for its risque lesbian storyline than its account of female athletics despite strong critical praise at the time. Mariel Hemingway and real-life track star Patrice Donnelly star as two highly competitive athletes training for the 1976 Montreal Games. The pair begin a romantic relationship but, with each angling for a spot on the Olympic team, it's not long before their trust is tested. Scott Glenn plays their manipulative coach.

PREFONTAINE The tragic struggle of middle-distance runner Steve Prefontaine is laid bare in this 1997 retelling, which stars Jared Leto of My So-Called Life. The record-setting athlete makes it to the 1972 Munich Olympics, but a terrorist attack kills several athletes and leaves him shaken. He returns to the United States without a medal and becomes an outspoken advocate for amateur athletes. While training for the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, he dies in a car accident at the age of 24.

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Charlie's car found

A Mercedes that Charlie Sheen reported stolen from his Sherman Oaks home was found overturned hundreds of feet down a nearby cliff early Friday, but there's no evidence anyone was in the car when it went into the ravine, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hip to be Foursquare

Socialite

Rea McNamara

metronews.ca/socialite

Nicole Mitchell-Duff is the mayor of 32 places in Edmonton — on Foursquare, that is.

The location-based social networking game lets users connect with friends and "check in" their downtown whereabouts. Frequent a venue enough, and becoming the mayor of that location is within reach: That's how she became mayor of the Starbucks in her Central McDougall neighbourhood.

While the thought of making your daily GPS-pinpointed travels fodder for yet another status update feed sounds too much of an overshare, it's worth noting that Foursquare — with 300,000 users worldwide — is fast becoming what many are predicting as the next Twitter.

Mitchell-Duff — who works in experiential marketing and also uses Twitter and Tumblr — uses Foursquare as a crowd-sourced city guide. It's how she found out about the recent re-opening of the Art Gallery of Alberta and a ton of new brunch spots: "It's definitely given me an opportunity, or rather a reason, to explore my neighbourhood and (find) new things to do."

Which is why Mitchell-Duff added a new Foursquare friend — Metro Canada. The partnership has spurred much attention, as it's the first news outlet the one-year-old platform has partnered with.

What's it like to be friends with Metro? During a weekend shopping trip at the West Edmonton Mall, Mitchell-Duff got a Metro "tip" on her iPhone to venture into the food court and try a vermicelli bowl at the Urban Foodie-approved Hoang Long Noodle House.

There's also the Metro "badge" that she recently unlocked, an in-game status symbol that marks you an advanced Foursquarer. (Mitchell-Duff is second on Edmonton's top 100 Foursquare leaderboard.) Local Mayor deals announced every Friday in the paper finally provides discounts for those frequent check ins.

Eventually, predicts Robyn Payne, Metro Canada's marketing and research manager, the Urban Foodie tips will include geotargeted news to provide further context to downtown exploration. "We want to tie local news and facts into locations," she says.

While Mitchell-Duff's quick to note a few kinks — she wishes there were more downtown tips, and tips were filtered by the city users are in — she's hoping that the newspaper at the very least gets more players in town and making mayorship more competitive.

"I'm kind of itching to organize an Edmonton Foursquare meet-up."

Rea McNamara writes about the on/offline statuses of niches and subcultures. Follow her on Twitter @reeraw

Badge 101

• If Foursquare makes going out a game, then badges are the bragging rights. They range from the introductory (your first check-in warrants a "Newbie" badge) to the advanced (four party stops in a night? You're "Crunked"). Then there's the geo-specific (psst! three morning check-ins near a transit stop will get you the "Metro" badge!) Then there's Bravo TV's recent partnership with Foursquare, which means you'll see badges rewarding American viewers who dine-out on Top Chef eats and shop at Real Housewife-approved haunts. How's that for social currency?

Doc charges postponed

LEGAL The circus that swirled around Michael Jackson when he was alive rolled on Friday as the doctor expecting to be accused of involuntary manslaughter in his death planned to stage a surrender at a courthouse but called it off after prosecutors announced charges will be filed this week.

Instead of the promised appearance by Dr. Conrad Murray and his lawyers, a crowd of reporters and photographers gathered outside a branch courthouse only got a drenching from a rainstorm.

Murray, working as Jackson's personal physician during the singer's preparation for comeback concerts, has been under investigation since the 50-year-old pop star died June 25 after being administered the hospital-strength anesthetic propofol and sedatives to help him sleep. THE ASSOCIATED Ppress

Entertainment in brief

HEALTH Canadian singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen has postponed the European leg of his tour due to a back injury. Cohen's representatives issued a statement Friday that said the 75-year-old performer needs to undergo physiotherapy.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shue, Robach tie knot

Former Melrose Place star Andrew Shue and Today anchor Amy Robach are officially married. Shue, 42, swapped vows with Robach, 37, in an afternoon ceremony Saturday at The Lighthouse at New York City's Chelsea Piers. USMAGAZINE.COM

Acclaimed film composer Hans Zimmer.

Noise turns music in Zimmer's hands

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

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Zimmer's body of work is staggering; with more than 100 features under his belt, umpteen awards and an uncanny ability to diversify his sound, his music has graced everything from Gladiator to The Dark Knight.

His most recent work can be heard in director Guy Ritchie's blockbuster holiday hit Sherlock Holmes, a score as irreverent as the quirky picture begged for.

"Guy gave me complete creative control to make the music I wanted to make," says Zimmer. "But he also had to become my protector. This was Warner's fuzzy epic Christmas movie after all, and the out of tune piano's, banjos and even the undercurrent of hip-hop beats frightened them a bit."

• Hans Zimmer is nominated for an Academy Award in the Music (Original Score) category for his work on Sherlock Holmes.

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Rice hones in on religion

Angel **Time**

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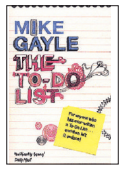
Price: $35 (Hardcover)

THE OPENING installment in Anne Rice's Songs of the Seraphim series drives the stake in the vampire niche she's known for, honing in on religion. As a lethal underground assassin, Toby O'Dare's vocation is a far cry from the calling he once heard to join the priesthood. When he's visited by angel Malchiah, Toby's chance to absolve his sins is realized. Malchiah takes Toby back to 13th century England to embody a friar. Attempting to reacquaint himself with his spiritual core, Toby watches over a Jewish couple, whom gentiles believe killed their daughter over her decision to convert to Christianity.



The To-Do **List**

Author: Mike Gayle
Publisher: Hodder
Price: $16.99 (Hardcover)

IT'S DIFFICULT enough to stroke off a few items on your to-do list, let alone complete the whole thing. But British author Mike Gayle took the task index to another level, aiming to fulfill a massive 1,277-item to-do list in one year. Increasingly conscious of his immaturity, when the married man in his mid-30s anticipated his second child, he decided to do some growing up and use the to-do list to do it. His comical memoir tracks Gayle's struggle through day 365, from "Eat more salad," to buying his wife "underwear from Agent Provocateur."

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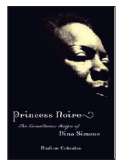

Princess **Noire**

Author: Nadine Cohodas
Publisher: Pantheon
Price: $37 (Hardcover)

NADINE COHODAS continues her exploration of 1950s blues and R&B culture with Princess Noire: The Tumultuous Reign of Nina Simone. It commemorates both the public and private spheres of the musical legend's life.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday, Feb. 5 through Sunday, Feb. 7 at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **Dear John:** $32.4 million US
2. **Avatar:** $23.6 million
3. **From Paris With Love:** $8.1 million
4. **Edge of Darkness:** $7 million
5. **The Tooth Fairy:** $6.5 million
6. **When in Rome:** $5.5 million

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Brothers, together, forever. Or not.
Liam Gallagher's new band won't be called Oasis because it's a "s— name," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The rocker has been busy working on a new album with his fellow former Oasis bandmates — except brother Noel. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

etalk's Lainey Lui dishes out celeb dirt in three's

Three Talk

with Lainey Lui

COURTNEY LOVE. Courtney Love frequently lays out her life on Facebook and Twitter, posting incoherent ramblings that read like a psychedelic online journal. While most of her scandal-ridden life has been embarrassingly and dramatically public — she recently lost custody of her daughter Frances Bean — here are three things you might not know about Love:

ONE She auditioned for the Mickey Mouse Club when she was 12 years old. Not surprisingly, she was not called back after reading a poem by Sylvia Plath.

TWO Love dated Edward Norton for four years, her longest relationship, after dumping Gavin Rossdale. She claims Rossdale sent her a diamond ring that she ended up throwing into the Mississippi River, an act that she suggests eventually freed him for Gwen Stefani.

THREE She desperately wanted to play Satine in Moulin Rouge, a role that was written for Nicole Kidman. Love bitterly berated Kidman in an elevator following the release of the film, arguing that she could have performed it much better.

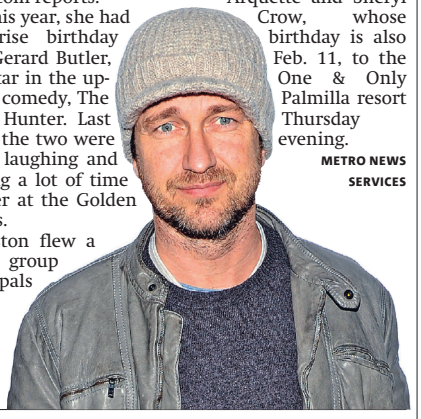
Lainey Lui is a reporter for etalk and runs the popular gossip site, LaineyGossip.com. As part of CTV's Olympic Broadcast Team, Lainey is on the ground in Whistler reporting on entertainment news from the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. etalk

A big birthday Butler

MAKES FOR A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY GIRL Jennifer Aniston headed to one of her favourite getaway spots, Los Cabos, Mexico, on the weekend where the actress got a jump start celebrating her 41st birthday — Aniston's big day is actually this Thursday — with a group of friends, people.com reports.

But this year, she had a surprise birthday guest, Gerard Butler, her costar in the upcoming comedy, The Bounty Hunter. Last month, the two were spotted laughing and spending a lot of time together at the Golden Globes.

Aniston flew a large group of pals including Butler, Courteney Cox, her husband David Arquette and Sheryl Crow, whose birthday is also Feb. 11, to the One & Only Palmilla resort Thursday evening.



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Flippant about flipping

I CALL HEADS. NO, TAILS. NO, HEADS! When it comes to divorce settlements, Kate Walsh is a real innovator, usmagazine.com reports.

Following a reportedly tough round of negotiations, a judge ruled Friday that Walsh and her ex-husband Alex Young will divide some of their shared assets with — literally — a coin toss.

As reported at E! News, court papers say that some of the former couple's belongings will "be divided by alternating picks after the flip of a coin to determine who will pick first."

In the rest of the divorce settlement announced Friday, Young will receive $627,000 US from the Private Practice star, and half of her pay between the start of her Sept. 2007 marriage through their November 2008 separation.

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Creepily crushing on Keira

BUT HE JUST WANTS TO LOOK AT YOU ... AND LOOK ... AND LOOK. IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK? Keira Knightley felt "threatened" by a man arrested on suspicion of stalking her, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The British actress called police last Thursday after she was constantly bothered by 41-year-old Mariek Daniluk, who would regularly turn up at the theatre to see her.

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A source told The Sun newspaper: "He did not make any specific threats to her but she was concerned enough to call the police."

Police have confirmed the man was arrested outside the theatre over harassment allegations.

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Kristen's big day in court

MAKING TROUBLE An otherwise normal run of jury duty for Kristen Stewart may end up causing one security guard his job. The Twilight star served on a three-day trial in Los Angeles last week and on her last day agreed to pose for a photo with a security guard, according to E! Online. The man reportedly allowed a friend's wife to post the photo on Facebook, and now they both may be in hot water.

"Right now my husband and the security guard are in trouble for (the picture) having gone up," the man's wife reportedly posted online after removing the photo. "It is confidential when celebrities are in court."

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Face to face

AS IN, SHE WANTS HERS Jessica Alba is usually flattered by compliments on her looks, but this may be taking things to far. A Chinese woman is reportedly planning a plastic surgery makeover to look more like the Valentine's Day actress in hopes of winning back her lover, according to the Associated Press. Alba admits she finds it distressing.

"I think you should never have to change yourself like that," the actress says. "If somebody loves you, they'll love you no matter what."

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Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

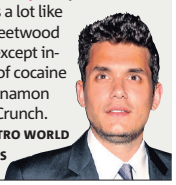
NICOLE "SNOOKI" POLIZZI prefers interacting with people online, **JERMAIN DUPRI** sees the upside of a hangover, **SHERRI SHEPHERD** hopes God is willing to negotiate, and **JOHN MAYER** parties like a different kind of rock star.

@Snooki Sittin in the airport is annoying. Some guy just came up n poked me — this isn't facebook bro

@LTLline I feel sorry for people that don't drink cause when they wake up thas the best they gonna feel all day

@SherriEShepherd Lord thank you for blessing me 2 wake up today but do I still have 2 go 2 the gym? I'm sick... not enough of an excuse?

@johncmayer My life on the road is a lot like '70s Fleetwood Mac, except instead of cocaine it's Cinnamon Toast Crunch.



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Tiger comes out swinging

FOR HIS FAMILY. SEE? THE REHAB WORKED Tiger Woods has left the rehab facility in Mississippi where he's allegedly been staying to treat his sex addiction, according to Radar Online.

He headed home to Florida with wife Elin Nordegren to be briefly reunited with his two children, who he hasn't seen in six weeks.

The couple reportedly now want to spend time alone working on salvaging their relationship.

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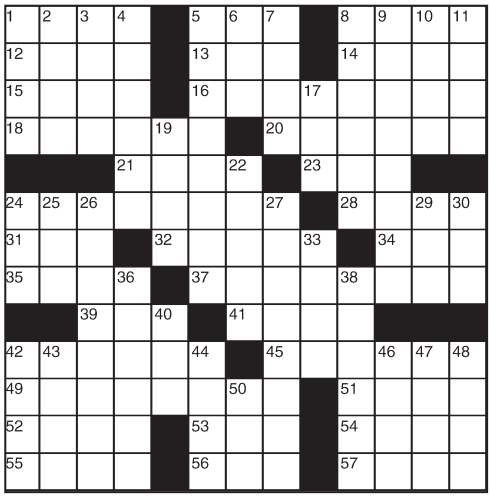

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

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5 Gratuity
8 Competent
12 Six-sided state
13 Singer Sumac
14 Close up tight
15 Optimistic
16 "War of the Worlds" invaders
18 Maintenance
20 Main course
21 Health resorts
23 "My country, — of thee"
24 Drinks garnished with olives
28 Distort
31 "Rocks"
32 Points
34 Eisenhower nickname
35 Skillful
37 Strict disciplinarian
39 Historic time
41 Tale-teller
42 Arose
45 Cancer or Capricorn
49 Home-run champ Tino
51 Houston acronym
52 Colorful fish
53 "Hail, Caesar!"
54 "— have to do"
55 Guys' partners
56 Series of skirmishes
57 Restaurant VIP

DOWN

1 Mentor
2 On
3 Lone Ranger trademark
4 Least gregarious
5 Eardrum
6 "— little teapot, ..."
7 Rid of rind
8 Without changes
9 Rug in old-style baby photos
10 Memory —
11 Differently
17 Potent stick
19 Grand story
22 Rope fiber
24 Central
25 Expert
26 Source of a second opinion
27 White wine + soda water
29 — out a living
30 Drenched
33 Celebrity
36 "We hold these — to be ..."
38 Funny, in a way
40 Blackbird
42 Urban pollutant
43 One of the Three Bears
44 Nibble away (on)
46 Walkway
47 Gilligan's home
48 Young bovine
50 A Gabor sister

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Green Gazpacho with Hot-smoked Salmon

INGREDIENTS:

1 large green pepper, chopped
1 cucumber, trimmed and chopped
1 onion, chopped
1 ripe avocado, halved, pitted and peeled
1 garlic clove, chopped
6 tbsp (90 mL) fresh flat-leaf parsley
2 1/2 cups (625 mL) vegetable stock
3 tbsp (45 mL) balsamic vinegar
3 tbsp (45 mL) extra virgin olive oil
8 oz (250 g) hot-smoked salmon, strips.

METHOD:

1. Put pepper, cucumber, onion, avocado, garlic, parsley, stock, vinegar and oil in food processor or blender. Season, then process until smooth.

2. Keep covered in refrigerator until needed, then ladle into serving bowls and add strips of salmon to each bowl.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Be true to yourself, even if it means falling out with someone you would prefer to stay on good terms with.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Today's marvelous idea could be tomorrow's costly mistake, so don't commit yourself to anything for the time being.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You will undoubtedly feel sorry for someone you meet today but what they really need is something to get them motivated again.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You are taking a certain person far too seriously. It doesn't matter what they say is the right way to go about things, you must stay true to your instincts

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You don't like to compromise but just this once it might be wise to meet a rival halfway, especially if they may be able to help further your ambitions.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This looks like being a wonderful week but it could be more wonderful still if you deal with a work-related issue immediately.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If you go to extremes you will encourage others to be extreme as well — and the situation will get out of hand quicker than you thought possible.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
A week or so from now you will know for certain if something you have been working on stands a realistic chance of success.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Today's cosmic set-up warns you must not push yourself too hard physically, nor allow your emotions to dictate your actions.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Capricorn is a cardinal sign, meaning you are a leader rather than a follower, so start a new trend and you'll be the talk of the town.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It's good to be honest but you must not be cruel. There is nothing to be gained from damaging a loved one's ego.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Chances are you will clash with someone in a position of power either today or tomorrow. If they are truly professional they will thank you for it.

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